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Mr. Russell Jim
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Dear Mr. Jim:

NOMINEE FOR COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA) PEER REVIEWER

Per the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) the purpose of the CRCIA is to estimate the current human health and ecological risks from emissions of Hanford operations to the river. Further, the Tri-Party Agreement requires that these estimates undergo technical peer review. The technical peer review process is being managed by the Directors of the State of Washington Water Research Center and the State of Oregon Water Resources Research Institute. The Directors have selected nine technical peer reviewers from the nominees that were solicited from all interested parties. Recently the Tri-Parties accepted all but one of the selections.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), is pleased to report that the Tri-Parties are accepting a technical peer reviewer for each tribe. Please provide RL with your technical peer reviewer who meets the established minimum qualifications.

Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Randy Brich at (509) 376-9031.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Erickson, Director
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